

Call for Abstracts:

Pine Rockland Conference 2012

June 14 – 15, 2012
Miami, Florida



Conference Sponsors and Organizing Committee: National Park Service, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Institute for Regional Conservation, Miami-Dade County, Natural Resource Conservation Service, The Nature Conservancy, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Florida International University, and US Geological Survey, National Audubon Society, USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station, Florida Native Plant Society, University of Florida IFAS

Host Facility: University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Miami-Dade County Extension Office, 18710 SW 288 Street, Homestead, FL 33030-2309

Introduction: The mission of the Pine Rockland Working Group (PRWG) is to maintain and restore the pine rockland natural community, its associated species and the natural processes, most notably fire, upon which they all depend. Through this collaborative, interdisciplinary, international effort, the PRWG seeks to increase basic understanding of the ecosystem and appropriate management practices by identifying, obtaining support for, and communicating the results of new research and coordinated monitoring efforts.

Conference Purpose: The purpose of this conference is to bring together the members of the PRWG and other individuals or groups that have an interest in pine rockland and related natural communities. This conference is a continuation of the collaborative efforts begun in February 2004 with the "William B. Robertson, Jr., Memorial Pineland Fire Ecology and Management Workshop" and

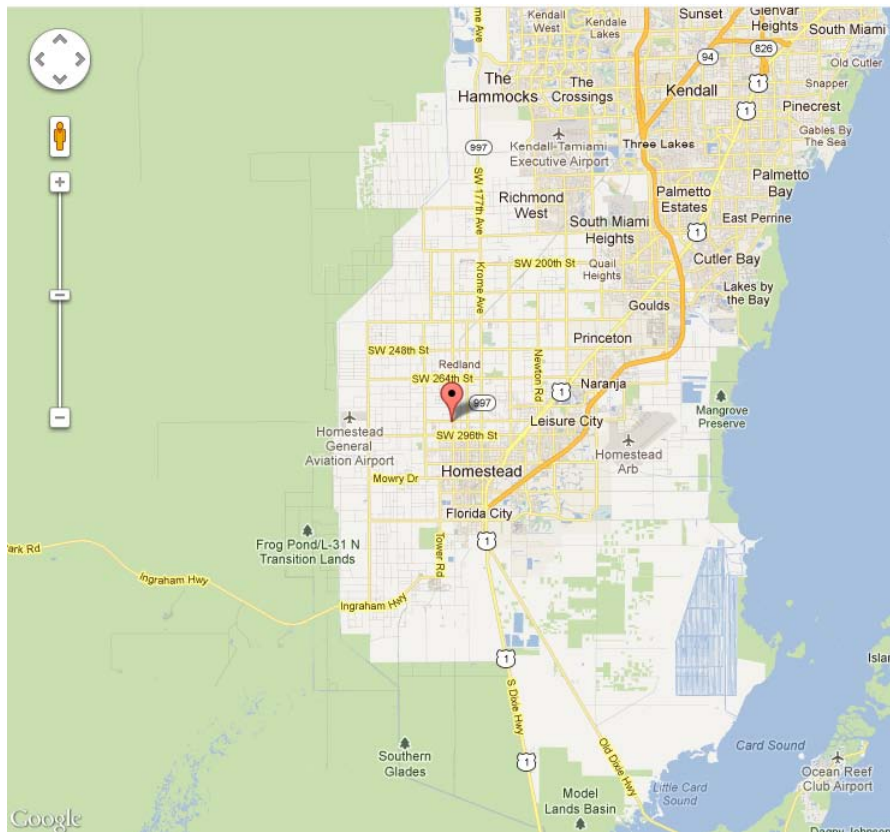
continued with the “Pine Rockland Conference 2006: Bridging the Gaps between Florida and the Bahamas,” the “Pine Rockland Conference 2008: Rockland Forests in a Changing World,” and the “Pine Rockland Conference 2010: Consequences of Fragmentation.”

Who Should Attend?: The conference encourages participation from scientists, educators, managers, planners, policy makers, naturalists, students and anyone else involved in planning, conservation, restoration, tourism, and interpretation of the pine rockland ecosystem in South Florida, the Bahamas and Turks and Caicos.

Registration is soon to follow.

Pine Rockland Conference 2012: Preliminary Schedule

June 14 (Thurs.) Pine Rockland Conference at UF IFAS Miami-Dade County Extension Office



June 15 (Friday) Field Trips to Pine Forest Fragments

Field trip sites, meeting times and locations to be determine



Prescribed burn- Long Pine Key, Everglades National Park

Pine Rockland Conference 2012: Call for Abstracts by May 1, 2012

The Conference Organizing Committee invites submissions of abstracts for oral presentations to be given during the day of June 14th and for posters to be presented that same evening during the reception/poster session. Abstract submissions will be used to select oral presentations and organize the oral and poster presentation sessions. An effort will be made to include as many oral presentations as possible but it is anticipated that there will be more abstracts than there is time available. There will be no limit on the number of posters. Typical oral presentations should be limited to 15 minutes in duration with an additional 5 minutes for questions.

Please specify your preference for an oral presentation, a poster, or if you are willing to do either.

Submit abstracts as MSWORD documents using Times New Roman font in 12-point font size.

Please provide:

1. Presentation/Poster Title
2. Presenter/Author(s) Name(s)
3. Organization/Affiliation
4. Email Address
5. Daytime Telephone Number
6. Abstract Body (not to exceed 300 words)

Abstract submissions should be directed to Aerin Land at Everglades National Park via email to aerin_land@nps.gov by May 18, 2012. Aerin may be reached by telephone at (305) 242 7052.



White-tailed Deer - Long Pine Key, Everglades National Park